

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Cammarata (39,491) on April 21, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

CANCELLED CLAIMS 5-8 AND 10;

CLAIM 2, LINES ⁴~~3~~ AND ¹³~~12~~: changed "either" to --any--;

CLAIM 3, LINES 5 AND 12: changed "either" to --any--;

CLAIM 4, LINES 5 AND 13: changed "either" to --any--.

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4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per claims 1 and 9, the prior art of record does not show or reasonably suggest, in combination with the other claimed subject matter, [means for] determining a configuration of a road between two successive guidance target points, [means for] setting a threshold distance for continuous guidance based on the road configuration, and [means for] providing continuous guidance when the calculated distance between two successive guidance target points is shorter than the threshold distance. Dependent claims 2-4 are distinguishable for at least the same reasons.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue